1. The open data revolution is a key part of the government’s agenda to drive growth and job creation in Queensland. By making government data available, we will stimulate the development of new, innovative applications by government, private individuals, companies and non-government organisations.
2. Queensland is one of the most progressive states in Australia in regards to spatial information, ‘Open Data’ policies and the availability of high quality data.
3. For example, the Queensland Globe is an interactive online tool that provides access to Queensland maps, satellite images and other spatial data. By the end of June 2014, the Queensland Globe will have delivered over one billion map requests since its launch on 3 April 2013.
4. Early consultation has identified merit in the re-introduction of the statutory position of Surveyor-General. Queensland is also the only state without a Surveyor-General.
5. Re-establishment of this position would also reflect not just the importance the government holds the role in an open, digital economy, but recast the role with a modern mandate to support, assist and guide the future development of the spatial and surveying industry.
6. Cabinet approved the release of a discussion paper ‘Re-establishing the role of the Surveyor-General in Queensland’ for key stakeholder and public consultation.
7. *Attachments*
* [Discussion Paper: *Re-establishing the role of the Surveyor-General in Queensland*](Attachments/Paper.PDF)